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SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS: ROBERT BELL

REF: LETTER FROM AF/W LOLLIS TO DCM CROSBY DATED JAN. 21,
1977

1. DEPT. HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY MRS. MARION BELL TO ASK
EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION ABOUT W/W OF HER HUSBAND, ROBERT
BELL. ACCORDING MRS. BELL, MR. BELL TELEPHONED HER MAY
17 TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN PREVENTED ON EVENING MAY 16
FROM DEPARTING NIGERIA AT LAGOS AIRPORT. IN BRIEF TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION, MR. BELL DID NOT EXPLAIN WHY AUTHORITIES
PREVENTED HIS DEPARTURE. IN RESPONSE HER QUESTION, HE
DID SAY THAT HE HAD NOT YET HAD CONTACT WITH AMERICAN
EMBASSY, BUT HE GAVE NO OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.

2. ACCORDING MRS. BELL, MR. BELL HAS BEEN WORKING IN
NIGERIA AMONG OTHER THINGS AS SUB-CONTRACTOR TO EDWARD
WARNER BRICE (REFTEL).BELL HAS BEEN IN NIGERIA ON THIS
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OCCASION FOR APPROX. TWO MONTHS, IN PART TO TESTIFY AT
THE TRIAL OF MR. BRICE. (MRS. BELL UNDERSTANDS THAT THE
TRIAL ENDED IN ACQUITTAL LAST SATURDAY.) ACCORDING MRS.
BELL, MR. BELL HAS BEEN STAYING WITH BRICE AT 91 BODE THOMAS,
SURE-LERE, LAGOS, NO TELEPHONE.

3. MRS. BELL SAYS THAT HER HUSBAND NEEDS TO BE IN WASH-

INGTON NEXT THURSDAY FOR FUNERAL OF FAMILY MEMBER. SHE
AND DEPARTMENT WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE EMBASSY REPORT
SOONEST ON CIRCUMSTANCES ALLEGEDLY LEADING FMG TO
PREVENT HIS LEAVING COUNTRY, MR. BELL'S WHEREABOUTS IF
KNOWN, AND HIS TRAVEL PLANS IF ANY. CHRISTOPHER

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